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SUBJ: USDA SURVEY TEAM

AS YOU KNOW, DOA HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE USDA IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE TERRITORIES. USDA IS PREPARED TO SEND A THREE-MAN SURVEY TEAM TO AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND TTPI TO CONDUCT A DETAILED AGRICULTURAL NEEDS SURVEY. WHILE SOME USDA LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE TERRITORIES, WE FEEL THAT THE SURVEY IS BADLY NEEDED AND WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO EACH TERRITORY AND IN PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

USDA HAS PROPOSED THAT THE THREE-TERRITORY SURVEY LAST 21 DAYS AND THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE TEAM COME FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE THIRD FROM HONOLULU. TOTAL COST OF THE TRIP MAY AMOUNT TO DOLS 16,000 BUT COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. USDA IS PREPARED TO PAY THE SALARIES OF THE TEAM MEMBERS. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM WOULD BE PAID BY THE TERRITORIES ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS: AMERICAN SAMOA WOULD PAY WASHINGTON TO PAGO AND RETURN TO HONOLULU LEG. GUAM AND TTPI WOULD SPLIT HONOLULU TO GUAM AND TTPI AND RETURN TO WASHINGTON LEG.

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DOTA STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL NEEDS SURVEY
AND HOPES THAT YOU CAN ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.
TEAM WILL BE READY TO TRAVEL WITHIN A FEW WEEKS.

IF YOU AGREE TO THE ABOVE, WE ASK THAT TEAM TRAVEL BE ON AMERICAN
SAMOA AND TTPI TA'S AND THAT AMERICAN SAMOA AND TTPI HAVE AD-
VANCE PER DIEM READY FOR TEAM'S ARRIVAL PAGO AND GUAM. GUAM
WOULD REIMBURSE TTPI FOR HALF OF GUAM/TTPI LEG OF TRIP. WE
WOULD ASK THAT HICOM AND GOVGUAM CONFER DIRECTLY ON ARRANGEMENTS
FOR REIMBURSEMENT. DOTA WILL PHONE NEXT WEEK FOR RESPONSE AND
FIRMING UP DETAILS. CARPENTER SENDS. INGERSOLL

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